1449. [*Transferred to the 22nd August, 1984*].

Traces of lignite reserves in Rajasthan

1950. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Indian Express* dated the 10th July, 1984 wherein it has been stated that lignite reserves have been traced in Western Districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what is the quantity of lignite likely to be procured; and

(c) how far it is likely to enhance the power generation capacity in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Intensive exploration is being carried out and is not yet complete. A full and clear picture of the lignite potential might emerge only by the end of 1984-85. The quantum of mineable lignite reserves can only be assessed when exploration work, which is likely to be completed by the end of current financial year, is over.

(c) Feasibility of any power station, based on lignite at Kapurdi can only be considered after the existence of mineable reserves adequate to sustain a power station is established.

Discrimination against women in law relating to succession

1951. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Law Commission has found certain Sections of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 discriminatory against women;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remove discrimination against women in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGANNATH KAUSHAL): (a) The Law Commission has taken-up for consideration the revision of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 and has invited comments on a working paper prepared on the subjects.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Proposal to exchange Doordarshan Programme with other T.V. Organisations

1952. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to exchange Doordarshan's programmes with other TV organisations as mentioned at page 31 of the Annual Report (1983-84) of his Ministry has since materialised;

(b) if so, what are the details of the programmes exchanged with other TV organisations so far; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when the said proposal is likely to be materialised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Doordarshan has been exchanging TV programmes with some of the countries with which India has cultural exchange agreements. This has been done so far with the help of a small set-up. The proposal referred to at page 31 of the Annual Report 1983-84 of this Ministry relates, *inter-alia*, to strengthening this set-up for which details have been worked out and the matter